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1. HUNGARIAN AMBASSADOR SAYS RAKOSI'S
DISMISSAL IMMINENT

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[REDACTED] Matyas Rakosi, first secretary of
the Hungarian Workers (Communist)
Party probably will be replaced soon,

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Rakosi was meeting increased opposition from the party
central committee.

Comment

Opposition to Rakosi within the
Hungarian party has been growing
for some time and has become even more open since
the Soviet 20th Party Congress in February. This anti-
Rakosi sentiment has undoubtedly been strengthened by
the demotion of Premier Chervenkov, Bulgarian strong
man, earlier this month.

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however, probably belongs to the "nationalist" faction of
the party which opposes Rakosi, and his statement that
Rakosi will probably be replaced may reflect only wishful
thinking. The ambassador has been very friendly with
Western diplomats and has often expressed views critical
of Soviet policies and personalities.

**2. HUSSAIN HINTS JORDAN MAY ACCEPT SOVIET
25X1A BLOC ARMS**

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King Hussain told American officials in Amman on 24 April that circumstances may drive Jordan either to ask for American arms or to accept

Czech arms, "which we can get tomorrow if we ask for them." Hussain asked what the United States would do if Jordan presented a formal request for arms.

Ambassador Mallory comments that there was an atmosphere of urgency in the talks. He adds that Hussain doubtless feels he cannot remain on the throne without either surrendering to, or in some way countering, the anti-Western pressures surrounding him.

Comment

Hussain probably is under heavy pressure from Jordanian army elements to purchase arms from the Soviet bloc and searching for means to maintain his position. The recent Syrian gift to Jordan of at least 1,000 Czech submachine guns has probably whetted the army's appetite.

Egyptian prime minister Nasr has probably encouraged Jordan, as he has other Arab states, to purchase bloc arms. Since Jordan has no significant products for a barter deal, and would require outside financial assistance to purchase arms, Egypt may see an opportunity to accomplish its ends by proposing that Jordan accept Arab financial offers to supplant its annual British subsidy.

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4. FRENCH ACCUSE PRO-GERMANS OF "CAMPAIGN
OF TERROR" IN SAAR

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According to a French Foreign Ministry spokesman, Foreign Minister Pineau and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Maurice Faure believe that the "campaign of terror" in the Saar against Saar ex-premier Hoffman's political party will, if not checked, cause French-German negotiations on the territory to break down. The Foreign Ministry spokesman said that the meeting scheduled for late May between French premier Mollet and West German chancellor Adenauer is the only hope for improvement. He stated that the West Germans have flatly rejected the concept that the French-Saar economic union should be phased out gradually over a period of five to ten years and have called for its immediate dissolution.

A French senator told the embassy on 26 April that he had seen Hoffman in Paris and that the latter feared for his life in the Saar.

Comment

Since the unsuccessful 27 March meeting of Faure and West German state secretary Hallstein, both sides have apparently marked time awaiting the Mollet-Adenauer meeting. In the interim Heinrich Schneider, the neo-Nazi leader in the Saar, is apparently attempting to recoup his reportedly waning political fortunes by stepping up his anti-French campaign. While there has been no evidence of violence or actual "terror," there have been threats by pro-German extremists of political and commercial retaliation or social ostracism against those Hoffman supporters who remain politically active outside the pro-German parties.

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THE ARAB-ISRAELI SITUATION
(Information as of 1700, 29 April)

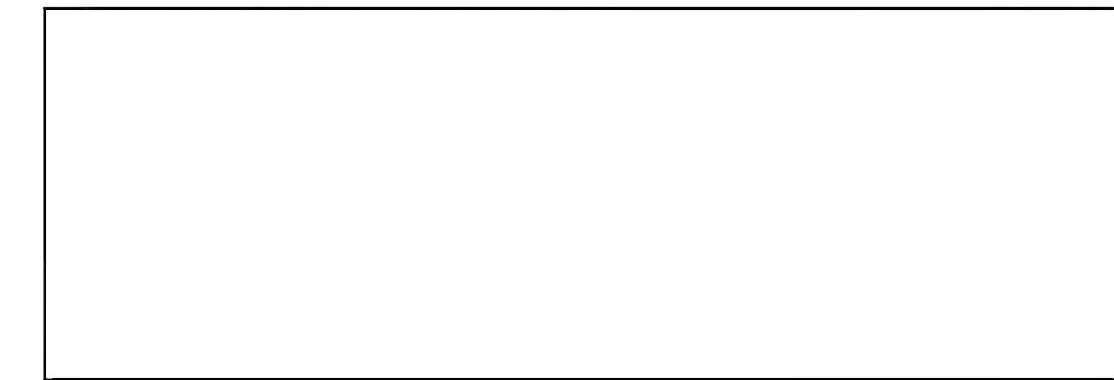
Three incidents on the Egyptian-Israeli border, and one on the Jordanian-Israeli border were reported over the week end. An Israeli policeman was killed in a clash with Egyptian national guards in the Gaza strip, and one Israeli soldier was killed and two others wounded when their vehicle struck what Israel charged was a "freshly planted" land mine five miles east of the Gaza strip. Israel also charged that Egyptian troops kidnaped an Israeli youth from a settlement near Nahal. Jordanian infiltrators were reported to have blasted a well in an Israeli settlement in the Lakhish area.

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United Nations relief officials have reported to the press rumors that Arab refugees living in the Gaza strip are preparing a "peaceful mass march" back to their former homes in Israel in June. No source can be found to confirm these rumors, but many of the 250,000 refugees believe them.

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